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JAPAN.

Sanitary report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, July 16, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious diseases in Japan for period July 7 to July 15, inclusive. In so doing, I would invite attention to the increasing prevalency, though small mortality, of dysentery, and would remark that, so far as I have been able to ascertain, the few cases of cholera returned are by no means beyond doubt of their genuine nature.

The case of plague reported from Kanagawa Ken is that of a passenger per Japanese steamship *Toyo Maru*, from Formosa, who died on the voyage July 7, the body being retained until the arrival of the ship at the Yokohama quarantine station on July 9, where she is now detained, no further cases having occurred. I may add that Professor Kitasato made an examination of the body, finding the specific bacillus of pest.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Report of infectious disease in Japan, July 7 to July 15, 1897.

Locality.	Cholera.		Dysentery.		Smallpox.		Plague.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....			3		1			
Osaka Fu.....			30	3	3	3		
Tokyo Fu.....	4	2	78		1			
Aichi Ken.....			42	9	1			
Akita Ken.....								
Awomori Ken.....			4	1				
Chiba Ken.....			52	7	7	4		
Fukui Ken.....								
Fukuoka Ken.....	1							
Fukushima Ken.....					1	2		
Gifu Ken.....			3					
Gumma Ken.....			8	1				
Hioyo Ken.....			2	1	3	1		
Hiroshima Ken.....			5	2				
Ibaraki Ken.....			16	1		1		
Ishikawa Ken.....								
Iwate Ken.....			1		1	1		
Kagawa Ken.....	2	2					1	1
Kagoshima Ken.....			28	3	1			
Kanagawa Ken (Yokohama)...			8	1				
Kochi Ken.....								
Kumamoto Ken.....								
Miyagi Ken.....								
Miyazaki Ken.....			21	1				
Miye Ken.....								
Nagano Ken.....			1					
Nagasaki Ken.....			8		89	12		
Nara Ken.....					1	4		
Niigata Ken.....			25	5				
Oita Ken.....			2		3	1		
Okayama Ken.....					2			
Okinawa Ken.....								
Saga Ken.....					5			
Saitama Ken.....			30					
Shidzuoka Ken.....			25	3	3			
Shiga Ken.....					2	2		
Shimane Ken.....								
Tochigi Ken.....			33	3				
Tokushima Ken.....			9		18	11		
Tottori Ken.....					1	1		
Toyama Ken.....			23	4				
Wakayama Ken.....								
Yamagata Ken.....								

Report of infectious disease in Japan, July 7 to July 15, 1897—Continued.

Locality	Cholera.		Dysentery.		Smallpox.		Plague.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Yamaguchi Ken			2		1			
Yamanashi Ken.....	1		43	1	3	1		
Yehime Ken.....								
The Hokkaido.....				1	14	11		
Taiwan (Formosa).....							8	
Totals.....	8	4	492	46	161	55	9	1

MEXICO.

False rumor of cholera.

[Telegrams.]

WASHINGTON, August 9, 1897.

Dr. E. ALEXANDER, *El Paso, Tex.:*

Dispatch from El Paso to New York Sun, August 6, stated, cholera, 25 deaths in Ysleta, Mexico, ten miles from El Paso. Probably false. Wire report.

WYMAN,
Surgeon-General.

[Reply.]

EL PASO, TEX., August 9, 1897.

Have investigated rumors since day before yesterday. Cholera is reported raging at Ysleta. All the cholera I know is cholera morbus, caused by eating green fruit and Chile pepper.

ALEXANDER.

NICARAGUA.

Quarantine at Port Limon, Costa Rica.

SAN JUAN DEL NORTE, NICARAGUA, July 22, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a letter this day received by the local agent of the Atlas Steamship Company, relative to the quarantine at Limon, Costa Rica.

The governor of San Juan del Norte is undecided as to what to do in case of the arrival of a vessel from Colon, but intimates that strict measures will be taken.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS O'HARE,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

ATLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
Jamaica Agency, Kingston, July 17, 1897.

DEAR SIR: I have received a letter from Port Limon, advising me to ask the agents to be most cautious in what passengers they send forward by our vessels that go to Limon, as a very strict quarantine inspection is being carried on at that port.

I should be extremely obliged if you would avoid taking any passengers that have the slightest sickly appearance, as it would be a most serious thing if we were subject to any quarantine.

I remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,

W. PEPLIE FORWOOD,
General Agent, Jamaica.

F. A. PELLAS, Esq., *Greytown.*